

Minutes of December 5, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of November 28th were accepted.

The meeting minutes of November 21st were accepted as amended.

The Chair announced that there will be a meeting at the Mount Everett School on December 8th for preliminary school budgets.

A Tax Classification Hearing was opened at 6:45PM with all three members of the Board of Assessors present. The Chair read the public notice published in the Berkshire Record. Marsha Pshenishny, Chair of the Board of Assessors, advised that the new tax rate would be an increase of \$.30 per thousand under a single tax rate and that New Marlborough would have an excess levy of \$17,605.06. After a brief discussion and hearing no objection a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve a single tax rate of \$8.77 per thousand. A roll count vote was called for: Lawrence H. Davis, III – Yes; Nathaniel H. Yohalem – Yes; Tara B. White – Yes.

The Administrator Advisory Committee appeared before the Board seeking clarification on what the Board is looking for it to do. Selectman Yohalem stated that the Board only needs the committee to look into a town administrator not a town manager and it should look into the pros & cons of hiring a town administrator, recommend compensation and whether or not it should be full or part time. It was also suggested that it check with other towns that presently have a Town Administrator. The committee members advised that the materials they were given does not give the differences between a Town Manager and Town Administrator. The Board advised that the only difference is that a Town Manager may hire and fire employees and a Town Administrator may not. The committee stated that it still had not organized and once it does it will let the Board know. The Board advised that the Chairman of the committee will have a key to the Town Hall issued. It was also mentioned that the committee would like to have permission to have a senior to do the minutes. The Board advised that a tape recorder would be made available to tape the meetings and Kathy Chretien, Town Hall Clerk, will prepare the minutes from the tape.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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